

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to The paper filed on June 14, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,5-7,9,13-15,17 and 21-23.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 August 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 5-7, 9, 13-15, 17 and 21-23 are allowed over the prior art record.

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
2. The closest prior art of record Chen et al. (US Patent 5,590,197) teaches an electronic payment system and method embodied in a cyber wallet..
Schneier (Applied Cryptography, 2nd edition) teaches validating messages with digital signatures.
Agnelli (WO 01/73706 A1) teaches a system for financial transactions based on notified changes of ownership of statically held tokens.

What they fail to teach or suggest:

A. A first certificate signed by a recognized certificate authority that validates the financial institution, a second certificate signed by the financial institution that validates the consumer, and computer algorithms to use the file of security data; creating a financial transaction between the consumer and a merchant, wherein the financial transaction is protected using security data from the file, and wherein the financial transaction is structured to contain an account number in a form that is undecipherable by the merchant, thereby prevent the merchant from knowing the account number for the accounts and wherein protecting the financial transaction involves: creating a first hash of the financial transactions and encrypting the first hash. the second certificate. and the encrypted account number using the second public key creating a secure envelope of transaction data wherein the first hash is created at a secure site available only to the consumer; validating by the merchant that the financial institution identified by the financial transaction is acceptable using security data from the file; wherein validating by the merchant involves: receiving at the merchant the first certificate; and validating that the first certificate was signed by the recognized certificate authority; requesting by the merchant that the financial institution authorize the financial transaction; receiving by the merchant an authorization from the financial institution to complete the financial transaction; completing the financial transaction between the consumer and the merchant; and notifying the financial institution that the financial transaction is complete.

These unique features render claims 1,9, and 17 allowable over the prior art record, claims 5-7,13-15 and 21-23 are dependant up-on the above stated claims and are allowable for the same reasons.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Winter whose telephone number is **(571) 272-6713**. The Examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:30am-5:00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at **(571) 272-6712**.

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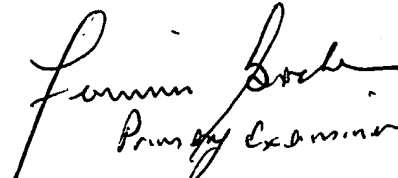
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Hand delivered responses should be brought to the Examiner in the Knox Building, 50 Dulany St. Alexandria, VA.

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